

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR
TITLE V AIR QUALITY OPERATING PERMIT MODIFICATION**

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has received and reviewed the application for a Title V air quality operating permit for the following applicant:

APPLICANT NAME: Northern Lights Ethanol, LLC (POET Biorefining – Big Stone)

FACILITY LOCATION: Big Stone City, South Dakota

The Title V air quality operating permit modification will allow the operation of the following processes and units:

1. Boiler #1 and Boiler #2. Maintain the combined operational limit of less than or equal to 3,600 hours per 12-month rolling period while burning diesel. The hourly limits while burning natural gas will be removed from the permit.

A review of this application indicates Northern Lights Ethanol can operate the ethanol plant in compliance with South Dakota's Air Pollution Control rules and the federal Clean Air Act. DENR, therefore, recommends that the Board of Minerals and Environment issue a Title V air quality operating permit to Northern Lights Ethanol with conditions to ensure compliance with South Dakota Codified Laws (SDCL) 34A-1 and the federal Clean Air Act.

In accordance with the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:36:05:17, any person desiring to comment on DENR's draft permit conditions must submit written comments to the address below by close of business on the thirtieth day of this public notice. Comments may be directed to the following mailing address: Ashley Brakke; PMB 2020; Department of Environment and Natural Resources; Division of Environmental Services; 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. DENR will consider and address all comments submitted and issue a final permit decision pursuant to ARSD 74:36:05:18. DENR will notify the applicant and each person that requested notice or submitted written comments of DENR's final permit decision, including notification of any changes to the permit based on the comments.

Any person desiring to contest the issuance of this permit and have a contested case hearing must file a petition, which complies with ARSD 74:09:01:01. This petition must be filed either by close of business on the thirtieth day of this public notice or, if that person submits comments on DENR's draft permit pursuant to the paragraph above, within thirty days of receiving notice of DENR's final permit decision. Upon receipt of a petition, DENR will schedule this matter for a contested case hearing before the Board of Minerals and Environment.

If no comments or objections are received by close of business on the thirtieth day of this public notice, the draft permit becomes the final permit decision and the proposed permit will be submitted to EPA for review.

Copies of DENR's draft permit conditions and other information may be obtained from Ashley Brakke, Engineer I, at the above address or telephone at (605) 773-3151 or from DENR's website at:

<http://denr.sd.gov/des/aq/aapubnot.aspx>

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Steven M Pirner, Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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